

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application.

The present application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/720,828, filed on March 1, 2001, which is a National Stage (371) of PCT/IB99/01424 filed on July 16, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/116,594, filed on July 16 1998 (now U.S. Patent 6,168,785).

The Sequence Listing for the instant application is identical to the computer readable Sequence Listing in parent application 09/720,828 filed March 1, 2001 (a copy of which is appended herewith). In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821 (e), Applicants have requested that the Patent Office use the last filed computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application. In the event the office encounters difficulty in obtaining a copy of the Sequence Listing from the parent application, Applicants request that the office contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to avoid any further delay.

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to new peptides of IL-2, derivatives thereof, and their use as therapeutic agents.